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Selectmen's Minutes 12-05-2005

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, 12/5/05
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hurd, Chair, Mrs. Dias, Vice Chair, Mrs. Mahon, and Ms. LaCourt.

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Sullivan.

Absent: Mr. Greeley

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: November 28, 2005

Mrs. Mahon moved to table until the December 19th meeting. SO VOTED (4-0)

2. **Discussion: Park Avenue Fire Station Rebuild**

Alan McEwen, Fire Chief

Fire Chief McEwen explained his recommendation to continue with modified plans to rebuild the Park Circle Station while staying within the approved Town Meeting budget.

Mrs. Mahon moved to continue building the Park Ave. Fire Station with one bay and a fitness room.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Gordon Jamieson, Newport St., distributed a hand out with points on why he feels the Town of Arlington needs a comprehensive service plan now.

3. **Proclamation: Help Your Neighbor Awareness Month**

Patsy Kraemer, Director of Human Services

Mr. Jack Bowler and Mrs. Mary Deyst, from the Board of Youth Services, spoke on behalf of proclaiming the month of January "Help your neighbor awareness month".

Mrs. Mahon moved approval to proclaim January 2006 as "Help your neighbor awareness month".

SO VOTED (4-0)

7:30 p.m.

Property Classification – Tax Rate

Mr. Kevin Feeley explained the Board of Assessor's numbers regarding Property Classification and the tax rate. After some discussion by the Board and others it was agreed more information and education would be helpful.

Ms. LaCourt motioned that Mr. Greeley put together a sub-committee to gather information for next year.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval to adopt the residential factor of 1. SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS5. **Reappointment: Permanent Town Building Committee**

Rob Juusola

(term to expire 12/08)

Mrs. Dias moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

6. **Reappointments: Commission on Disabilities**

Joseph Giurleo

Louis Krodel

Barbara Jones

(terms to expire 11/08/08)

Mrs. Dias moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

8:00 p.m.7. **Debt Shift**

Mr. Greeley, Town Assessor, explained why some of the debt burden is shifted to the tax rate.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval to allow some of the M WRA fees be shifted to the Town tax rate.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Ms. LaCourt recommended that this be looked at by the new sub-committee to make sure that the Town is shifting burden the right way.

LICENSES & PERMITS8. **Request: ALS Therapy Development Foundation Walk, 4/22/06**

Jill Theodoss, Program Manager

Mrs. Dias moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

9. **Request: Change of d/b/a**

Kashmir Café to Bangalore, 166 Mass. Ave.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Jianjun Peng requested the Board support and write a proclamation regarding The Chinese New Year Global Gala. The Board requested more information before a decision can be rendered. Mr. Peng agreed to contact the office tomorrow.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS11. **NPDES#MA 0101982 City of Somerville**

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

Mr. Maher recommended the Board defer this agenda item until Executive Session.

12. Discussion: Mount Gilboa

Franklin W. Hurd, Jr., Executive Director, Arlington Housing Authority
Mrs. Mahon moved to receive Mr. Frank Hurd's letter. SO VOTED (4-0)
The Board agreed that a sub-committee should be formed to look into the matter.

Discussion: Board of Selectmen Goals

The Board discussed the goals presented by the sub-committee and asked everyone to email Jack Hurd with comments. It was also suggested that each Selectmen take leadership for a particular goal.

Ms. LaCourt moved receipt of goals. SO VOTED (4-0)

Correspondence Received

Betsy Friedberg Mystic Valley Pkwy, Arlington/Medford etc. Be Rec'd
Mass. Historical
Commission

Thomas Wray Falwell Letter of resignation, Arlington Preservation Fund, Inc. Be Rec'd
Comins & Newbury
9 Damonmill Sq.
Concord

Andrea Briggs Request for resolution Be Rec'd
MWRA Advisory
Board

Bruce Doig Recognition of Heather Hogle as "New Professional" Be Rec'd
Mass. Recreation & of the Year"
Park Association

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Maher recommended to the Board that it was time to think about the opening of the Warrant for the purpose of serving notice. After some discussion the date to open was decided as December 19th and the date to close was decided as January 23rd. Mrs. Dias made a motion for the Warrant Opening to be December 19, 2005 at 8:00 A.M. and that the Warrant Closing be January 23, 2006 at 4:00 P.M. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Dias spoke regarding the National League of Cities (NLC) correspondence and what a huge impact if the tax code changed disallowing state and local taxes being deducted from the federal income tax. She stressed the need to follow this possible legislative change.

Ms. LaCourt announced that Mr. John David Chesloff is the last member chosen for the Town Finance Organization Study Committee. Ms. LaCourt is Chair and Mr. Foskett is Recording Secretary of the sub-committee.

Mr. Hurd recommended partnering with the Arlington Housing Authority regarding plowing Hurd Field and managing the Drake resident sticker permits. After Mrs. Dias assumed Chair pro-temp, Mr. Hurd made a motion to have the Arlington Housing Authority manage the Drake Village sticker permits at a 50% ticket price reduction in turn for plowing the Hurd Field parking lot. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Maher, Town Counsel, requested that the Board convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy in respect to litigation where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position.

Mrs. Mahon moved to convene into executive session at 9:30 p.m. for the above purpose.

Mr. Hurd	yes
Mrs. Dias	yes
Mrs. Mahon	yes
Ms. LaCourt	yes

Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 10:22 p.m.

Mrs. Dias moved that The Town of Arlington intervene in the Somerville NPDES permit process and if not as an intervener then at least as a participant status. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon motioned to request and adjudicatory hearing to challenge Cambridge NPDES permit and to petition the EAB to review the Cambridge NPDES permit. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. SO VOTED (4-0)

A True Record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan